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Ecclesiasticus 21:2

“Sin & Serpent”



² Flee from **sin** as from the face of a serpent: for if thou comest too near it, it will bite thee: the teeth thereof, are as the teeth of a lion, slaying the souls of men.

There was an elderly man whose vision was worsening as time passed. He was retired and didn't have to work for a living but he still

wanted to go places.
He liked traveling by
car so he decided to
place an
advertisement
for a driver.

Two applicants came
for the position. One
was named Michael
and the other, Joe.
The man asked the
first applicant,

Michael, to take him
for a ride to show
driving skills. He
drove nicely around
the peaceful and
beautiful
mountainous regions
then returned the
man to his home. It
was then time for
Joe's driving portion
of the interview and
Joe was ready.

He drove up and down the hills and mountains with precision. Seeing a cliff, he told his potential boss, “I’m really going to show you something.”

Joe proceeded to accelerate, driving very fast near the

cliff then suddenly stopped just at the very edge. “It really looked as if we were going over,” the man commented, after catching his breath, “you showed me something there”!

Once home, the elderly man said he’d made his decision.

He thanked both
Joe and Michael
for applying.

He told Joe that he
showed tremendous
talent and skill by
driving so near the
cliff, but that he
wanted someone who
knew how to stay
away— far, far away
from cliffs.

That's what's best for
us all when it comes
to dealing with sin.
We don't need to see
how close to it we can
get without harm.
No, we need to stay
as far from sin as
possible.

Some may seem to
thrive while living
sinfully, but as with

a very poisonous bite
of a snake or the bite
of a lion, the outcome
is ultimately deadly.

The goal should be
to altogether steer
clear of the
dangerous lion-like
and serpent-like
nature of sin.